(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Certain pollutants such as phenol in the coke oven effluents and particulates in the steel melting shop emissions, exceed the prescribed limits. The Central Pollution Control Board has issued directions to the State Pollution Control Boards of Orissa Madhya Pradesh West Bengal and Bihar to ensure that the steel plants namely, Rourkela Steel Plant, Durgapur Steel Plant. Indian Iron & Steel Company Bhilai Steel Plant Bokaro Steel Plant and Tata Iron and Steel Company to comply with the prescribed standards within a specified time-bound programme.

(e) The units have initiated action to meet the prescribed standards.

[*Translation*]

Renovation of Bridges

952. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major railway bridges in the country that are more than 60 years old and need to be reconstructed;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether an old bridge between Bombay and Igatpuri, needs to be reconstructed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN); (a) 55 nos. have been identified for rebuilding.

(b) and (c). All bridges are inspected annually to identify the bridges required to be rebuilt/stregthened/repaired.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The existing 2/4.57 m Arch Bridge at Km. 113/1-2 on Bombay-Igatpuri Section is being rebuilt.

Train Linking Eastern Part with Agra

953. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce super-fist trains linking Eastern part of the country and Bombay with Agra in order to facilitate tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Rail Projects in Karnataka

954. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have forwarded certain proposals to the Union Government for laying new rail lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the details of the other rail lines being laid in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of the new lines requested by the State Government of Karnataka and the position thereof is as under:

Sl. No.	*Proposal sent*	*Position*
1.	Hospet-Hubli Ankola (280 Km.)	: Gauge Conversion of Hospet-Hubli section forms part of the gauge conversion proposals in the budget for 92-93. The survey for a new BG rail line between Hubli and Ankola has been recently updated. This line is considered Justified to bring about the speedy development of the backward areas and is being referred to Planning Commission for their consideration. Further consideration of the proposal would depend on the approval of the Planning Commission and the availability of resources in the coming years.
2.	Kotturu-Harihar railway line (68 Km.)	: The survey for a new rail line between Kotturu-Harihar is in progress alongwith an alternative link between Gadag and Harihar. Further consideration of the proposal will depend on the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.
3.	Bangalore Circular railway	: This concerns local authorities State Govt.and Ministry of Urban Development. Railways are prepared to render technical assistance if funds are made available by the State Govt. and the Ministry of Urban Development for this project. However, action has already been taken to rationalise and upgrade the railway network facilities in the Bangalore area.

(c) (i) The following railway projects are in progress in Karnataka;

1. Bangalore-Mysore and Bangalore-Yelahanka Gauge Conversion.

2. Chitradurg-Rayadurg New Line.

3. Part of the Konkan Railway in Karnataka from Mangalore side.

(ii) Keeping in view the need to bring about speedy development of the transportation infrastructure in the backward areas, the following sections have been included in the budget for 92-93 for conversion from MG to BG.

1. Bangalore-Hubli 469 m.

2. Miraj-Londa (Partly in Maharashtra) 188 km.

3. Hospet-Hubli-Goa (Partly in Goa) 489 km.

[*English*]

Rail Line from Kalka to Parwanoo

955. PROF PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for extending the broad gauge railway line from Kalka (Haryana) to Parwanoo (H.P.);

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been approved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Consideration of the proposal would depend on the results of the study now in progress and availability of resources in the coming years.

[*Translation*]

Electrification of New Delhi-Bhiwani and New Delhi-Amritsar Routes

956. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the railway line between New Delhi-Bhiwani and New Delhi-Amritsar;

(b) if so, the time frame fixed for the execution of this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Electrification of Delhi-Ludhiana via Panipat, a part of New Delhi-Amritsar section is an approved work. However, there is no proposal to electrify Delhi-Bhiwani and Ludhiana-Amritsar sections.

(b) Delhi-Ludhiana section is planned for completion by 1995-96.

(c) Due to constraints of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes.

[*English*]

Grant of Licences to Sugar Mills

957. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: